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Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, Chair
Councilmember Trevor Ozawa, Vice Chair
Members of Zoning and Planning Committee

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters on Bill 11

Dear Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Ozawa, and members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC) strongly opposes Bill 11.

This proposal seeks to stop all building from Aiea to Kalihi to study traffic impacts of the area. We do not understand how halting the issuance of building permits of developers who have followed the process and sought necessary approvals is either legal or beneficial to the community. We are also concerned that the implications of this bill have not been thoroughly studied by DPP to show who in this area would be impacted.

Most concerning to us is that Bill 11 is anti-affordable housing, as its sole purpose is to target one project, the Moanalua Hillside Apartments - an affordable rental project priced for working people. While we understand the frustration over traffic, especially for those who live out on the Westside, we don't agree that a bill stopping the issuance of building permits will force a discussion about traffic mitigation.

As an alternative, we would support Resolution 16-37 relating to transportation improvement projects to mitigate current and future traffic congestion in the Aiea-Red Hill Moanalua Salt-Lake area. This resolution requests that the Department of Transportation Services works with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation to expedite completion of the State DOT's Hi Corridor Study to March 2016, to develop recommendations to address the Aiea Red Hill-Moanalua-Salt Lake congestion and to enable timely funding of critically needed projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

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